CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS.

Council Chamber, June 23, 1873.

Present.—His Worship the Mayor, Ald. Moffat, McDonald, McBride, Smyth, Beattie, Starr, Murray, Brown, Leonard, Graydon, Shaw, Rapley, Christie, Cronyn, Williams, Partridge and Egan.

His Worship submitted a communication from the acting Minister of Militia and Defence, signifying that the Government have decided not to dispose of the Ordnance Lands in this city.

Communication from Mr. James Smith, Secretary of Dominion Day Celebration Committee, with copy of resolution asking aid from the Council.

Ald. McBride moved, seconded by Ald. Smyth, That the communication relative to the Ordnance Lands be received and filed, and that the Finance Committee be requested to watch the interest of the city in this matter.—Carried

Ald. Beattie moved, seconded by Ald. McDonald, That the communication of Mr. Smith be received, and that the sum of four hundred dollars be granted towards the Celebration of Dominion Day.

Ald. Moffat moved in amendment, seconded by Ald. Starr, that the sum of two hundred dollars be granted.

Ald. Leonard moved, seconded by Ald. Egan, that the sum of three hundred dollars be granted. Lost.

First amendment carried.

Ald. Cronyn submitted a communication from the Ontario Auditors, relative to the city indebtedness to the municipal loan fund. Amount fixed at $486,058.60, to which a reply is asked on or before the 28th inst.

Ald. Cronyn moved, seconded by Ald. Moffat, that the Council instruct the Treasurer to simply acknowledge the receipt of the letter from the auditors upon the municipal loan fund debt, and to furnish the information asked as to the security held by the city in the London and Port Stanley Railway Company.—Carried.

On motion, the Council adjourned.

CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS.

Council Chamber, June 30, 1873.

Present.—Ald. Cousins, Moffat, McDonald, Smyth, Beattie, Murray, Brown, Leonard, Rapley, Christie, Williams, Partridge and Egan.

His Worship being absent from the city, on motion of Ald. Cousins, seconded by Ald. McDonald, Ald. Moffat was appointed Chairman

The minutes of last meeting were read and signed by the Chairman.

The following communications were read:

Mr. E. T. Essery, asking the use of the Exhibition Grounds be granted, together with the Buildings, from ten to three o'clock, for an anniversary meeting to be held on the 12th July. Referred to Exhibition Committee with power.

The Clerk of the Division Court, summons to appear on 26th August on claim of Wm. H. Lyons of $35 for damages to cab and horse. Referred to Finance Committee.

Petition of S. Blackburn and others, relative to narrowing Duke Street. Referred to Board of Works.

James Smith and others, relative to license laws. Referred to License Committee.

Ald. Egan submitted Report of Finance Committee as follows:—

Your Committee beg to report funds for the following accounts:—

James Glenn, Chief's clothing..	$ 48.00
Siddons & Dawson, printing ...	148.31
Free Press Printing Co ...	88.94
Chief of Police, postage.....	3.95
William Williams, posting bills.	11.50
7th Batt. Band (Grant).....	200.00
Official Salaries to 30th June...	2229.00

The following petitions, asking remissions of taxes for 1872, were referred by the Committee to Inspector Hughes, and having received his report, the Committee would recommend that three months time be given Mrs. Shepherd to pay her taxes, $14.40.

That a deduction of $2.40 be allowed off Mrs. Fitzgibbons' taxes, and that three months' time be given for the balance, $4.

That the taxes of Mrs. Jane Browne, amounting to $6, be remitted.

Inspector Hughes brought under the notice of your Committee the case of one George Braund, lately fined by the Police Magistrate, and upon the facts brought before them, the Committee recommend that the amount of the fine be paid his mother.

The petition of Wm. Beresford, asking remission of his income tax for 1872, amounting to $16. After taking into consideration the manner in which similar cases have been dealt with, the Committee recommend that his request be granted.

The communication of V. Cronyn, asking the Council to remove from the roll the taxes for 1872 upon the Cathedral site, on the corner of Sarnia and Piccadilly Streets. The Committee finding that the property had been purchased in 1871 as a site for the Cathedral, now in part erected thereon, recommend granting of the request.

The petition of Henry Anderson in behalf of the East Middlesex Agricultural Society, requesting the Council to remit the taxes for 1872 upon the property of the Society within the city, recommend not being granted upon the ground that at the time the taxes were imposed the property was not actually occupied by the Society. This is the view taken by our Solicitors.

The Committee have had their attention drawn to the amount charged for costs in the Police Court, and, considering it advisable, they would recommend the Council to appoint a Committee to investigate and report upon the manner in which the costs are made up, and how the costs and fines are applied.

Your Committee consider it advisable to refer the petition of H. L. Church, in regard to income tax assessed against him in 1873, to the Court of Revision, and they would suggest that in future all petitions and communications coming before the Council in reference to assessment and taxes for 1873, be referred to the same Court, to be taken up at the fall sittings.

Ald. Cousins moved, seconded by Ald. Smyth, that the report be received and adopted.

Ald. Brown moved in amendment, seconded by Ald. Partridge, that it be considered *seriatim*. Lost.

Motion carried.

Ald. Christie submitted Report of Board of Works as follows:—